

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

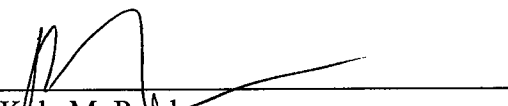
Claims 1-28 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. In the above Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 12, 13 and 23, and objected to claims 7-11 and 14-16 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner withdrew claims 17-22 and 24-28 from consideration.

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